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THE MINIER FAMILY,
ESPECIALLY DESCENDANTS
OF GEORGE W. MINIER, OF
MINIER, ILLINOIS
BY
SARAH MINIER (SANBORNE) WEAVER

Donna, Texas
1926



Especially Descendants of George W. Minier, of Minier, Illinois

Daniel Webster said, on a certain historic occasion that "Those that have no care for their ancestors are not fit to become ancestors themselves". The scraps of time that I have been able, during the past twelve years, to devote to this fragmentary history have brought me an exceeding great reward in the certainty of a brave and happy race. With its many gaps and many imperfections I dedicate this record to my six beloved children; their children and their children's children, with the prayer that they may pass on unstained the snow white plume of character. To all my kinsmen, near and far, to whom this book may go, a very Merry Christmas and many fair New Years!

Sarah Minier Sanborn Weaver

Donna, Texas
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On September 26, 1732, after a fair and deathless voyage, the ship Mary of London weighed anchor in the quaint old Quaker port of Philadelphia. The passengers were listed in German as "Immigrants from the Palatine".

Rupp "Thirty Thousand Names of Immigrants", p.82.

The Palatinate at that time was a refuge from the religious persecution of many countries. So it is not at all strange that among many Germans came the French Huguenots, 1 Christian Minier and 1 Hans Georg Minier. From 1 John George probably descends the family of George E. Minier of Walnut, Illinois - probably also the Miniers of New York City. 1 Christian Minier, himself, we know to have been our first American Minier.

The ship had cleared from Rotterdam and touched at Cowes, England. There among others the two Miniers took the oath of allegiance to the English Crown. This certainty eliminates all chance of their having been English. In the face of this it is significant that all the given names of the Minier descendants were English - beginning with John George himself:- George, William, Abraham, John, Susan, Catherine, Sarah, Mary, Hannah, Ann. Christian occurs in France, Germany and England. This points towards an English mother, or, since they brought no wives with them, towards Christian's American marriage with an English woman. The latter would more reasonably account for the continuance of these English names in spite of the German atmosphere of Bucks, Lancaster, Northampton and Luzerne - Lycoming - Bradford counties (Pennsylvania) where the next two generations lived.

6 Chester M. Minier of Los Angeles, California, to whose courtesy I owe this earliest information adds: "My chief reason for assuming French origin is the fact that the name Minier is a present day French name. There is at least one family of the name in Paris, a cutlery manufacturer. An acquaintance whom I met some years ago bore the name Minier and was born near Fontainebleau. Her family had always been Catholic. It is notable that among a long list of German names the spelling of the surname of Christian and his brother (supposed) is given as it is today "Minier".

In the Pennsylvania tax-lists the names of 1 Christian's three sons, 2 Abraham, 2 Christian and 2 Daniel, are frequently Anglicized into Miller. Meinier is the French Miller. The surveys are carefully enough recorded however to leave no doubt that the men are the same. Mrs. Louise Welles, of Athens, Pa. who has done much local historical research, explains that although 2 Daniel Minier was undoubtedly the richest farmer in the Upper Sheshequin District of Lycoming County (now Milan and Athens, Bradford County) he never gained political prominence in a French-hating German and English community. This in spite of his German wife!

For us "John George" vanishes in Philadelphia, though our blood comes through his namesakes. Perhaps his possible descendants changed the spelling of their name.

The mail and Express New York, Dec. 25, 1897, No. 2212 John Minier (also spelled Monier and Lynheer) served in the Revolution in 1780. His son, John Minier served in second Decatur's Regiment, N.Y. in 1814.

1 Christian probably went to Bucks or Lancaster County.

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found an English wife.

Whereever 1 Christian's three sons were born, 2 Abraham, 2 Christian and 2 Daniel, they were living in Northampton County before the Revolutionary War. Thence two of them, at least, enlisted in the Colonial Service and thither they returned.

Our proof of such service is found in the Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Volume 8, p. 401, County of Northampton. Return of Militia, in the 8th Company, 5th Battalion, June 1782: Captain Richard Shaw, Sergeant Christian Minier, 4th Class, Daniel Minier.

Daniel Minier we know by tradition took part in the active fighting during the Wyoming Massacre. One long night "Polly his wife" with her little boy George and baby John spent hidden in the thick rushes of a swampy meadow until she was rescued next morning by a British officer.

When Sullivan's Expedition came out to punish these Indian outrages, Daniel's and Christian's Company was attached to General Sullivan's forces for the duration of the campaign.

The Athens inscription on monument:

"In Sullivan's Expedition, the march that destroyed savagery and opened the Keystone and Empire States to civilization, four brigades furnished by the States of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and New Hampshire, with Proctor's artillery and Parr's riflemen; took part. At this Tioga Point, long the southern door of the Iroquois Confederacy, 5000 troops encamped. Named by the Continentals and garrisoned by 250 soldiers of the 2nd New Jersey Regiment under Colonel Israel Shrieve, here stood Fort Sullivan with four block houses, curtains and abatis from August 11 to October 3, 1779."

This tablet is erected by the Tioga Chapter D. A. R. 1902.

In 1785 the Federal Tax Lists of Northampton Co., Pa. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. XLX, p. 170 show that 2 Daniel Minier and 2 Christian Minier each owned 50 acres of land there.

"In or before 1789" says C. F. Heverly in his "Pioneer and Patriot Families of Bradford Co., Pa., Vol. 1, (Towanda, Pa., Bradford Star Print), 2 Daniel Minier left Northampton County, bringing his family in a boat up the river to Milan where he located, being the first settler at that place. He occupied what is now the Warner Farm, where he at first built a log house with the help of his fourteen year old son 3 George and his twelve year old 3 John. His lands included a purchase of 400 acres which he made from the State of Pa. in 1813, within sight of the sparkling Chemung, the blue Susquehanna and the wooded hills beyond. Here 2 Daniel Minier lived until the time of his death, which occurred in his 74th year, 3-4-1822, while visiting friends in Northampton Co. 2 Daniel's wife, 2 Mary Schafer Minier, is buried within sight of her old home. Upon her granite tombstone is graven "Polly, the wife of Daniel Minier, died December 14, 1842, aged 95 years". Her daughter 3 Catherine lies close by.



Our cousin 5 Mrs. Sarah Ann Brooks Walker, who has just celebrated her hundredth birthday, writes me of remembering her great-grandmother perfectly, as she sat by the window in her immaculate white cap, reading half-aloud, her German Bible.

Daniel Minier's Home.

In the Spalding Memorial Library in Athens among letters and photographs of our own beloved Grandfather, George W. Minier, of Minier, I found the original copy of a Memorial to the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, praying the division of the County of Bradford, to which, among others, were affixed the signatures of our ancestors, Daniel Minier and his brother Abraham. This library and museum is directly across from the old Athens Academy built in 1797.

In the first Census published in the United States, in 1790, page 149, we find as heads of families in Luzerne Co., Pa. 2 Abraham Minier and 2 Daniel Minier. On page 148 is another name of interest to most of us, - that of Obadiah Brown, who later became young 3 John Minier's father-in-law.

I have found one other official record of 2 Daniel Minier, also in the Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. XXV, p. 394: Warrantees of Land, County of Lycoming 1785-1896. 2 Minier, Daniel 350 acres, Survey April 24, 1810.

From the New England Genealogical and Historical Register come some gleamings as to the family of 2 Daniel's brother 2 Christian. He seems to have left Northampton Co., Pa. at about the same time that 2 Daniel did - but instead of stopping at Milan he continued north and became the first settler in Big Flats, New York. (Twenty years ago I met one of his descendants, Edith Minier).

There is of record a patent, dated April 12, 1791, conveying land to 2 Christian Minier.

From the same source I learn that 2 Christian's 2 Sister, who must also have been 2 Daniel's sister, founded the Moravian Settlement at Bethlehem, Pa.

- 1 Christian Minier, b. France. d. Pennsylvania.
- 2 Christian Minier, b. Northampton Co. d. Big Flats, N. Y.
- 3 Chris John Minier, b. Big Flats, N. Y. m. twice.
Issue of Chris John by first wife.
- 4 Abram Minier, b. Big Flats, N. Y. 1809, m. Louisa Knapp 1830.
d. 6-26-1885.
- 4 Mary Minier, m. _____ Stephens
Issue of Abram and Louisa Minier.
- 5 Sarah Minier, b. 9-14-1831, m. James Corzette, d. 4-27-1913.
- 5 James Minier, b. 8-13-1833. d. 9-22-1949
- 5 Helen Minier, b. 7-22-1836, m. John V. Bumstead, d. 9- -1836
- 5 Lovinda Minier, b. 10-8-1838, m. Julius Ray
- 5 William Chris. Minier, b. 6-5-1839, m. Mary Shanley,
d. 11- -1903
- 5 George Henry Minier b. 10-16-1841, m. May Eggleston
- 5 Mary Emily Minier, b. 12-11-1843, m. Joseph Lewis
- 5 Martha Elizabeth, b. 7-16-1846
- 5 Kate Louise Minier, b. 5-7-1848, m. Levi Roadhouse, d. 3-21-1878.
- 5 Harriet Grace Minier, b. 11-12-1843, m. Joseph Rugh
- 5 Carrie Belle, b. 5-31-1853, d. 11-29-1885
- 5 Laura Gertrude Minier, b. 1-26-1856, m. James A. Parkins
Issue of William Chris Minier.
- 6 Charles D. Minier
- 6 Minnie Minier
Issue of Laura G. (Minier) Parkins 3517 So. Flower St., Los Angeles, California
- 6 Helen Holly, b. 12-27-1887
- 6 Susan Minier, b. 7-7-1890
- 6 Louise Knapp, b. 12-6-1891
- 6 Dorothy, b. 3-2-1900
Issue of Chris John by his second wife

4 John Minier

Issue of John

5 Samuel A. Minier, Big Flats, N.Y.

Issue of Samuel A.

6 Edith Minier.

From New England G. & H. R. comes the following. Probably these are descendants of 2 Abraham.

3 Henry Minier, b. Bethelhem, Pa. 1778, m. Sarah Abbour, b. 1768, d. 1848; d. 12-12-1829.

Issue

4 John, b. Camistee, N.Y. 8-21-1808, d. 12-30-1891.

4 Nancy, b. Painted Post, N.Y. 7-5-1806, m. Lovell, d. 1877.

4 Sarah, b. Camistee 2-21-1811, m. Smith.

From George L. Minier of Walnut, Ill. John W. Minier b. New Jersey 10-10-1797, moved to Pa. and there married, d. in Ohio 7-5-1882. His son Hiram Minier b. Ottawa Co., Ohio. Issue of Hiram five boys and two girls. His son George E. Minier b. Ohio 6-1-1863.

Issue of George E. Minier.

4 Winifred, b. 7-9-1887, m. 1st Ernest Kirk.

Issue

5 Erna Winifred Kirk, b. 11-19-1911.

4 Winifred m. 2nd Carl Knight.

4 Lelia, b. 1-4-1891, m. Roy Smith.

Issue

5 Marilyn Rose, b. 11-23-1918

5 Lois Lowmen, b. 10-23-1922.

4 Alta, b. 8-9-1899, m. Olen Melton.

Issue

5 George Elmer, b. 8-22-1925.

This family all living at Walnut, Ill. very likely descends from Hans Georg Minier.

From a letter to 4 George W. Minier: This branch is undoubtedly descended from 2 Daniel Minier's brother 2 Abraham. Third generation missing. 4 Jacob Minier b. 8-5-1809, d. 1-16-1863, landowner in Northumberland Co., Pa. He lost his land to one of his brothers, either 4 Daniel or 4 John.

4 Jacob Minier had seven children. Fifth child

5 George, b. 5-30-1846, d. April 1882, m. Ann Elizabeth ____.

Six children.

6 Boy d. 1877.

6 Roselda Arabela Minier, fourth girl, lived in 1902 with her mother at 335 West 6 Street, Bloomsburg, Pa.

2 Abraham d. in Ithaca, N.Y. but may have left a son in Northampton Co.

To return to 2 Daniel Minier's family, they were ardent Methodists and organized the first class of that denomination in their neighborhood about 1794.

Issue of 2 Daniel and Mary Schafer Minier.

3 George, b. 11-19-1775, m. Susan Cooper, b. Providence, R.I. - Sister of Maj. John Cooper who was killed Lundy's Lane.

Issue

4 Minerva Platt

Issue

5 Marian - Mrs. G. Ernest Newman, Canton, Pa.

4 Maria Young

4 Abraham

Issue

5 James B., Wooster, Ohio.

4 Fleming

4 Solomon of Elmira, N.Y. m. 10-3-1850 Henrietta Maria Olmstead. See Heverley, p 82.

4 Susan, m. Matthias Lent.

3 John, b. Lycoming Co., Pa. 2-7-1777, d. Princeton, Ill.

My ancestor.

3 Mary, m. Judge John McKean.

3 Susan, m. John Huy.

3 Rev. Abraham, b. 10-16-1782, m. Lillie Burch, b. 1-12-1781, d. 3-14-1840. Itinerant preacher for fifty years. d. 8-10-1865.

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- 4 Robert, m. Sarah Barton, N.Y.
- 4 Maria, m. Justin Morley, Athens.
- 4 Ellen, m. Andrew Burnside, Ulster.
- 4 Thomas, m. Matilda Brink, Sheshequin.
- 4 Ethan, m. Ariana Keeler, Smithfield.
- 4 Sarah, m. Henry Vauxburg, Burlington
- 4 Margaret
- 4 Abraham D., m. Elizabeth Stone, Athens.
- 3 Daniel Minier, Jr., b. 1783 Sheshequin, Pa., d. 3-22-1848, m. Almira Price.

Issue

- 4 Dr. Elizer Price, b. 4-14-1815 Wysox, Pa., m. Eunice Sherman, d. 7-22-1869
- 4 Chester W., b. 7-4-1816 Wysox, Pa., d. 3-31-1849.
- 4 Harriet Almira, b. 6-17-1827, Wysox, Pa., m. Rev. C.D. Brooks.
- Issue of E.P. Minier by first wife, Eunice Sherman
- 5 Mary Ellen, b. 5-25-1836 Sheshequin, Pa., m. Edwin Carl, d. 1862.

5 Davis Sherman

Issue of E.P. Minier by second wife, Melicent Linderberger.

- 5 Lavosco P., b Sept. 1845 Columbus, O., m. Sarah B. Garges, d. 11-26-1904.

5 Marie Antionett, d. in childhood

Issue of L.P. Minier

- 6 Stella Minier, b Zanesville, O. 1874, m. Jay Spence.
- 6 Chester M., b Zanesville, O: 1880, m. May M. Crepin.
- 6 De Waite, b. Cincinnati, O., 1880
- 6 Elizabeth, b. Cincinnati, O. 1885.

Issue of Stella Minier Spence.

- 7 Dorothy, b. Pomona, Cal. 1898.
- 7 Jay Spence, Jr., b. Los Angeles 1913
- 7 Jane Spence, b. Los Angeles, 1913

Issue of Chester M. Minier, 1116 Chapman Blvd Los Angeles

- 7 Chester C. Minier, b. Tucson, Ariz., 1902

3 Harrah, m. Daniel Smith

3 Anna

- 3 Elias, b. 1-12-1787, m. Judith Gore. His mother, Mary Schafer Minier (Polly) died in his home but his descendants have no trace of her German bible.

- 3 Catherine, b. 1791, d. 2-5-1816. Buried near her mother.

- 3 Elizabeth, m. Jacob Wagner.

- 3 Sally, m. Helsey Bird.

To return to my direct line.

3 John Minier married in 1800 Rachel Brown, daughter of Obadiah Brown, then of Upper Sheshequin, Bradford Co., Pa. She was b. in Roxbury, N.J. in 1784 and d. in Princeton, Ill. in 1867.

Before proceeding to the children of this marriage, let us trace as far as we may, the ancestry and personal history of Obadiah Brown. Our first certain knowledge of Obadiah himself is his own sworn statement of his birth in Roxbury, N.J. 6-2-1756 recorded in the Pension Office in Washington. However, my mother's cousin 5 Sarah Ann Brooks Walker, 100 years old last June, has made an affidavit of her early knowledge of Obadiah Brown; that his father came from Providence, R.I. and was a descendant of Chad Brown, a founder of Providence Colony.

In the Genealogy of the Brown Family of Providence, R.I. (Library of Congress, Washington) the name Obadiah Brown occurs and one missing man would link him up as the grandfather of my great-great-grandfather Obadiah Brown. 5 Mrs. Walker once saw her great-grandfather Obadiah Brown. She writes as follows: "I don't remember any of the son's names but one, and that was Obadiah. I saw him once at grandfather's with his father, but I knew there were others, but I don't remember their names. I heard Grandmother (Rachel Brown Minier) say that she had two brothers that were in the War of 1812 and were killed at the Battle of New Orleans." I believe from other clues that they were James and Daniel.

In another letter 5 Mrs. Walker writes: "Grandmother's mother died when I was very young, but her father Obadiah Brown and her brother Obadiah came to see her when I was eight or nine years old. I remember how he looked and your Grandfather, 4 George W. Minier, looked just like him. Obadiah Brown was a lieutenant in the Revolution and so was John Minier's father."

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To go back to the Brown family - quite certainly our ancestors. Chad Brown came from Salem, Mass. to Providence Colony in 1637 (the year after Roger Williams) with his wife, Elizabeth and his son John, and was an elder of the Baptist church in

Obadiah Brown's Farm on Point

Providence, whether the first pastor of the church, as Moses Brown says, or the first after Roger Williams, has been a disputed point (The Encyclopaedia Britannica puts him third). He held various appointments in the community, and was a man of excellent character as described by Hague in his history, "Discourse on First Baptist Church".

In 1640 Robert Cole, Chad Brown, William Harris and John Warner were the Committee of Providence Colony that reported the first written form of government. (Staples' Annals of Providence) Chad Brown's name is first signed and in 1643 he and three others were a committee of Providence people that wrote a letter to the Governor of Massachusetts, endeavoring, though ineffectually at that time, to settle a quarrel between that colony and the people of Warwick, by that time Connecticut.

(a) Chad Brown died about 1665

Issue

(b) John

(b) James, removed to Rhode Island Colony

(b) Jeremiah, removed to Rhode Island Colony.

(b) Judah, d. 5-1-1663.

(b) Daniel, m. Alice Herenden 12-25-1669.

(b) John Brown, the oldest, accompanied his father when he came from Salem to Providence. He was chosen a member of the Town Council in 1665. He resided in the north end of Providence, north of Elisha Brown's house. He married Mary Holmes.

Issue of Brown, John.

(c) John, m. Isabel Mathewson 6-9-1696.

Issue

(d) Mary

(d) Lydia

(d) Isabel

(d) Nathan

(d) Obadiah, b. near 1700

(c) James, b. 1666, d. 10-28-1732

(c) Obadiah

(c) Martha

(c) Deborah

In this genealogy only James Brown is followed up.

Brown University, in Providence, one of the eight colleges in the United States before 1776, was founded in 1764 by descendants of (c) James Brown, in whose honor it was named.

My theory, on the basis of Christian names and Mr. Walker's knowledge, that my great-great-grandfather was the son or grandson of (d) Obadiah or grandson of (c) Obadiah.

(e) Daniel Brown was 69 in 1833.

(e) Obadiah Brown, b. Roxbury, N.J. 6-2-1756, d. Southport, N.Y. 2-23-1836, m. Penelope Swazey.

(e) Walter Brown, made Lieutenant of Colonial Troops 10-20-1776.

Issue of Obadiah and Penelope Swazey Brown.

(f) Obadiah, Jr.

(f) Daniel, killed New Orleans, War of 1812

(f) James, killed at New Orleans, War of 1812

(f) Rachel, b. 1784, d. 1837.

(f) Sarah, m. _____ Brown.

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Issue of Sarah B. Brown

(g) Elizah, m. Lucetta Burnham - Sister of Perrin

(g) Stephen T., m. Rebecca Moore

(g) George, m. Elizabeth

Issue of George and Elizabeth Brown

(h) 3 daughters.

6 Clara Minier Swayne has found much authentic material concerning the Swazey family in the Minnesota State Library in St. Paul.

a Samuel Swazey of Roxbury Township, Morris County, New Jersey b. 7-31-1689, d. 5-11-1759. He came from Southold, Long Island 5-17-1737 to Roxbury, N.J. (See tombstone in cemetery, Chester, N.J.) He leaves, by a will dated May 10, probated June 13, 1759, nearly a thousand acres of land to his family. He was probably the first Justice of the Peace of Roxbury Township, holding the office at least as early as 1747.

a Samuel Swazey married first Penelope, b. 2-14-1690 at Southold, Long Island, d. 1746. He then married 4-1747 Susannah Huntington who d 11-5-1776. *6-1696* *20*

The son of a Samuel and Penelope was b Reverend Samuel Swazey, Jr., b 7-4-1712.

He probably m. Hannah Horton, daughter of Caleb Horton of Roxbury. He was the first minister of the Congregational Church of Chester, N.J. which he served for twenty years, 1733-1753. He removed at a later date to Western Florida, now Mississippi, with his brother Richard and others.

b Rev. Samuel's daughter, c Penelope Swazey, m. (e) Obadiah Brown. (e) Obadiah Brown's service in the Revolutionary War was chiefly as a member of General Sullivan's punitive expedition to Western Pennsylvania and New York, which we have already discussed in relation to 2 Daniel Minier's Revolutionary Service. Undoubtedly the acquaintance that (e) Obadiah thus made with those well-watered valleys and fair rolling hills brought about his later emigration with his family to the very locality on Tioga Point where he had known Fort Sullivan. I have stood beside the old stone farmhouse, out on the point, where the Chemung and Susquehanna meet, the house where my Grandfather's memoir indicates that (e) Obadiah lived and where perhaps (f) Rachel Brown and 3 John Minier were married. On page 162 of Heverly's "Pioneer and Patroit Families" he states that "Obadiah Brown, a native of New Jersey, tanner by occupation, located in Upper Sheshequin in or before 1789. In 1790 his family consisted of four males and three females," etc.

On page 422 of William M. Stryker's volume "Jerseymen in the Revolutionary War" we find: Obadiah Brown: Sergeant - Capt. Swisher's Co., 1st Regiment, State Troops, Sussex. Ensign, ditto. Lieutenant, ditto. The absolute proof of his rank and service can be had by any of his descendants by writing to the Revolutionary War Records, Section of the Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D.C. His enlistment was from Knowlton, Sussex Co., New Jersey, on April 1, 1776. He served as Sergeant Ensign and Lieutenant under Captains Bescherer, McCullough, Swisher and McKee, Colonels Mark Thompson, Sewart, Jacob West, William Bond. His service seems covered by General Sullivan's Indian Expedition.

This much is the reply to my written inquiry from the Bureau of Pensions. When I was last in Washington I read through Book E, Volume 4, p. 116, record of W. L. Williams, Clerk, the entire transcript of (e) Obadiah Brown's application for a pension, made at "The Court of Common Pleas, holden at the Court House in the Village of Elmira, in and for the County of Tioga, in the State of New York on the third day of September, 1833. Present the Honorable John R. Drake, Esquire, First Judge" (item for my descendants. The Honorable Judge was a lineal ancestor of my aunt-in-law Kate Drake Sanborne). Obadiah Brown was then living in the town of Southport, now South Elmira). He had lost his commission but received his pension upon his own sworn statement, attested by his brother (e) Daniel Brown and Conrad Teeter and John Kline who had known (e) Obadiah Brown in New Jersey. Five prominent citizens of Southport swore to his character and their belief in his statements.

One item of his service brought a smile, "March to July 1777, against Tories in the interior of New Jersey and Indians on the Delaware". The papers show also that (e) Obadiah's brother (e) Walter Brown was made a lieutenant October 20, 1776.

There is a History of Bradford County, Pa. 1770-1878, published by Z. H. Everts and Company, 714-716 Filbert St., Philadelphia, 1878 Press of J.B. Lippincott and Co., Phila. On p. 198: Coroners: John Minier, App. Feb. 24, 1819. On p. 426 and p. 275 other minor references.

3 John Minier m. 1800 (f) Rachel Brown. Their children were all born in a small frame house south of Daniel's home now Milan, Pa. They removed to Illinois 1838, d. in Bureau County, Ill. on a farm deeded to them by our Grandfather, George W. Minier.

Issue of John and Rachel Minier.

4 Robert Bruce, b. 1-18-1808, m. Sarah Burt, d. Henry, Ill. 11-10-1894.

4 Mahala Minier, b. 8-23-1811, m. 10-30-1835, Perrin Burnham of Chemung, N.Y., at John Minier's, by Rev. J. Brown. Lived always on a hill farm near Ridgebury, Pa. d. 10-14-1902. Perrin Burnham b. 11-8-1807, d. 1-1-1890.

Issue:

5 Rachel, b. 3-30-1840.

5 George S. b. 9-22-1836, m. 1-8-1862 Harriett Comfort, who was b. 11-10-1841, d. 8-11-1920.

Issue:

6 Ida Alice, b. 12-7-1863, d. 2-14-1867.

5 Alice M., b. 12-22-1850, m. 12-29-1875 Horace S. Gillett. Address Route 3, Saint Edward, Nebraska.

Issue:

6 Harvey, b. 6-21-1878

6 Ray B. b. 8-24-1887

6 May B. b. 1-26-1881, m. 4-7-1906 Clarence A. West of Hot Springs, S.D.

Issue:

7 Cleota Margaret, b. 3-16-1907, d. 2-17-1911.

7 Hildred Marie, b. 2-2-1909.

6 May m. second, 6-17-1918, Neal G. Hoffman. Address Chadron, Nebraska.

Issue:

7 Neal G. Hoffman, b. 6-12-1919

5 Theodore M., b. 12-10-1843. Address R.F.D. #2, Wellsburg, N.Y. m. 1-1-1877 Mary Belle Decker, b. 3-16-1861, d. 1-26-1919.

Issue:

6 Alice M., b. 5-17-1878, m. 10-3-1903 James J. Howe, Elmira, N.Y.

Issue:

7 Leona H., b. 6-14-1904 Elmira, N.Y. m. 6-8-1926 Leland Morris, Wilawana, Pa.

7 Martha B., b. 8-14-1906, Ridgebury, Pa., m. 10-5-1923 Harry B. Kelsey, Wellsburg, N.Y.

Issue:

8 Katherine Alice., b. 9-24-1924.

7 Gladys M., b. 10-16-1908 Ridgebury, Pa.

7 Helen M., b. 12-14-1912, Elmira, N.Y.

7 Alberta P., b. 9-3-1917, Wellsburg, N.Y.

7 Eudora W., b. 6-3-1920, Wellsburg, N.Y.

6 Ora I., b. 9-29-1880, m. 10-7-1900 Edward H. Covell of Ridgebury, Pa., who was b. 6-23-1880, d. 2-7-1923.

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7 Theodora, b. 3-29-1902 Elmira, N.Y.: m. 9-24-1918 Thomas J. Cullen.

Issue:

8 Joan Covell, b. 7-27-1926.

7 Rachel H. b. 4-9-1904 Ridgebury, Pa., m. 4-17-1922 Geo. A. Lutz.

Issue:

8 Ora Louise, b. 6-24-1923

8 George Clarence, b. 4-5-1925.

7 Edna Irene, b. 9-18-1911 Ridgebury, Pa.

7 Edward E. Jr., b. 5-7-1922 Ridgebury, Pa.

6 Guy Perrin, b. 8-23-1884. m.

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5 Asahel, b. 9-14-1838, m. 12-6-1876 at Athens, Pa. Elizabeth C. Hagerty, who was b. 3-17-1856 Sandyston, Sussex Co., N.J., d. 11-7-1921.

Issue:

6 Grace, b. 4-25-1879, m. 12-25-1897 Frank L. Owen, Ridgebury, Pa.

Issue

7 Blanche, b. 7-31-1904.

7 Minier, b. 9-17-1902, m. 8-23-1922 Ruth Passmore.

Issue:

8 Alice Elizabeth, b. 4-14-1923

8 Robert Milton, b. 9-13-1925

7 Mable, b. 12-1-1913

7 Marion, b. 11-7-1918.

(See) Correct issue of Guy Perrin Burnham, (6), who m. 9-4-1910
page Grace Crandall Burnham, b. 12-14-1892.

8) Issue:

7 Clifford, b. 5-2-1912, d. 6-11-1914.

7 Agnes Louise, b. 5-2-1915

7 Donald Theodore, b. 8-17-1920.

6 Anna H., b. 11-5-1886, d. 5-26-1897.

6 Asahel Robert, b. 10-5-1888, d. 11-13-1911

6 Mattie and Mable (twins), b. 7-10-1892.

Mattie d. 3-5-1893; Mable d. 6-30-1895.

5 George.

4 Daniel Minier, m. Amanda Subert.

4 Hannah Minier, m. Watson Cook

4 George W. Minier, b. 10-8-1813, m. Sarah Ireland, d. 2-18-1902, my grandparents.

4 Theodore Loomis Minier, b. 12-16-1819, Milan, Pa., m. 1847 Elmira, N.Y. Sarah Vail Maxwell, daughter of Hector T. Maxwell and Irena Vail, b. 2-17-1825, d. 12-17-1909. Banker. State Senator 1871-1872. d. Elmira, N.Y. 8-9-1895.

Issue

5 Charles Platt, b. Sept. 1850, d. 7-13-1851.

5 William Hoffman, b. 1852, Elmira, d. 1872 Montour Falls, N.Y.

5 Hector Maxwell, b. 1-16-1855, d. 10-15-1917 Elmira, m. 6-21-1882 Helen Clark, b. 7-25-1859, daughter of Amelia H. Watkins and Samuel W. Clark.

Issue:

6 Theodora Clark, b. 9-7-1886, m. 11-3-1915 James Heverin Hathaway, b. 9-14-1888 Wellsboro, Pa. Address 352 Maple Avenue, South Elmira, N.Y.

Issue:

7 Nancy Helen, b. 4-28-1917

7 Maxwell, b. 6-27-1918.

4 Mary Minier, m. William Hudnut.

4 Sarah Minier, b. 9-22-1805, m. 1st 3-6-1823 Joseph Brooks.

A copy of this marriage record is on p. 26, Heverley's "Pioneer Families", 1823 March 6, by Justice 3 Abraham Minier, Joseph Brooks and Miss Sally, daughter of John and Rachel (Brown) Minier of Ulster.

Issue:

5 Sarah Ann Brooks, b. 6-5-1826, m. 9-11-1845 George Jannings Walker who d. 2-8-1887. One of the few mothers that ever attended her son's fiftieth wedding anniversary. Is still living in October, 1926. At her urgent demand, on her hundredth birthday last June her son arranged for her to go up in an aeroplane, accompanied by two doctors, who previously had carefully examined her heart, taken her blood pressure, etc.

Issue:

6 Wilmot D., b. 12-5-1846, m. Hannah Ovitt Sept 1875, d. 6-2-1919.

Issue:

7 Irvin

7 Fred

6 John B. b. 2-25, 1849, m. Nellie Smith 11-7-1875.

Issue:

7 Ora Walker (Chant)

7 Irene Chant

7 Charles Walker

7 Barbara Ann Walker.

6 Louisa J. Walker, b. 6-18-1851, m. Jacob H. Hill 10-18-1875, d. 1-15-1926

Issue:

7 George W., b. 8-9-1871. Dallas, Texas, c/o Jalonick Appliance Co.,

Issue:

8 Walter Hill, b. 1900

Issue:

9 Daughter, b. 1924.

7 Pleiades Hill

7 Hattie L. Hill, b. 5-28-1879, m. Arthur C. Hall, Principal Van Buren and Rockingham School, Davenport, Ia. 1708 Grand Ave.

7 Alvah P. Hill, San Benito, Texas, b. 10-5-1885, m. Ida May Murray 7-15-1915 Marshalltown, Ia., daughter of Charles Murray b. in Scotland.

Issue:

8 Pleiades Louise, b. 12-14-1920, d. 6-17-1923.

6 Ida Walker, b. 7-23-1853, d. in infancy.

6 Pleiades Walker, b. 11-29-1857, m. 10-26-1881 J.H. Park. 1556 40 Str., Rock Island, Ill.

Issue:

7 Arthur Walker, b. 9-21-1891. m. —

Issue:

8 Elizabeth Walker, b. Aug. 1916.

8 Arthur W. Jr., b. 9-7-1920

4 Sarah Minier Brooks married 2nd 1-24-1838 Joseph Edmiston, in the John Minier farmhouse. Joseph Edmiston b. 10-7-1791, d. 1-24-1858.

4 Sarah Minier Brooks Edmiston d. 12-15-1867. They are both buried in the Milan Cemetery, within sight of their old home.

Issue:

5 Thomas P. b. 1-7-1839, d. March 1898, m. Mathilda Sharer 4-30-1871.

5 Mary Jane, b. 8-4-1846, m. Henry C. Sullivan 9-16-1868. He was b. 3-14-1843, d. 6-5-1881.

Issue:

6 J.L. Sullivan, Dallas, Texas, b. 7-6-1869, m. Lydia Weburg.

6 Harry C. Sullivan. Service in World War. b. 4-19-1872, m. Mina Loonis, b. 4-16-1874.

6 Arthur J. Sullivan, b. 5-6-1875, Milan, Pa. m. Lillian Henrickson, b. 10-6-1882.

Issue:

7 Ruth Irene, b. 11-13-1912

7 Kenneth Hugh, b. 6-2-1915.

6 W. Guy Sullivan, Dallas, Texas, b. 2-6-1878, m. Augusta Salm, b. 9-16-1876.

Issue:

7 Paul Clement, b. 5-13-1910.

5 Robert S., b. 4-24-1841, m. Mary Anthony 12-20-1865. She was b. 12-14-1840, d. 12-17-1898. Civil War Service 1861-1865 as Second Lieutenant. Pa. Leg. 1896-1908; Two terms House, Two Senate. d. 10-24-1925.

Issue:

6 Robert Bruce Edmiston, b. 9-4-1872, m. 6-5-1895 Harriet Von Wolffradt.

Issue:

7 Marie, b. 7-2-1898, m. Leland L. Strevy 10-15-1921.

Issue:

8 June, b. 6-26-1923

8 Edward E., b. 1-12-1926.

7 Robert H., b. 9-11-1911.

5 James Mitchell Edmiston, b. Milan, Pa. 12-27-1843, d. Lincoln, Nebr. 8-27-1910, m. to his cousin (5) Eliza Jane Minier, in the home of his Uncle, George W. Minier, and by his uncle, near Minier, Tazewell Co., Illinois, 1-1-1868. 5 Eliza Jane Minier Edmiston, b. Mackinaw, Ill, 10-13-1846, d. Lincoln, Nebr. 12-13-1911.

In 1882 5 James Edmiston removed his family from Minier to Columbia, Nebr. and then in 1885 to Lincoln, Nebr., where he went as General Agent for the Union Central Life Insurance Co. At his death in 1910 his oldest son 6 Arthur Ray, always associated with him, took over the entire business, and today the grandson 7 Robert Hugh, is preparing himself to succeed his father, in good old English fashion. 5 James Mitchell Edmiston was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Knight Templar and Shriner and with his wife a member and officer in the First Christian Church. He was one of the Charter members and for two years president of the Lincoln Life Underwriters Association. Their children came through their mother under my own line.

4 George W. Minier, b. Milan, Pa. 10-8-1813, d. Chicago 2-18-1902, m. 1-1-1839 Sarah Ireland, at Princeton, Ill. Sarah Ireland was b. in Clark Co., Va. 11-19-1819, d. Tazewell Co., Ill, 11-22-1897. Both are buried in Greenwood Churchyard, originally cut out of Grandfather's farm and facing the old home. She was the daughter of Eliza Boring Ireland and Jonathan Ireland. Jonathan Ireland's mother's maiden name was Welsh and they were of Welsh descent. in 1830 they removed to Marietta, O., in 1836 to Bureau Co., Ill.

When we were children my grandmother used to tell us a fascinating story. "Once upon a time, over a hundred years ago, there was a terrible storm on the rocky coast of Wales. The wind howled and raged and lashed the curtain of rain, the waves swelled and tore and beat and foamed and tore and rose and fell all night long. The people in a certain little coast village strained their eyes and ears in vain against the storm, to verify what they thought were gunshots and shrill cries. When the warm sun rose in a fair blue sky, next morning, the rocks were strewn with spars and cordage, the little cove was littered with floating wreckage, and on the shining beach, tied to a heavy cask, a tiny baby boy lay, unconscious but still breathing. Kind hands lifted him and brought back the passing life. No clue to the child's history was ever discovered save a fairly well founded belief that the vessel came from Ireland. So the baby was named Thomas for his foster father and Ireland for his supposed nativity. When he grew up Thomas Ireland came, with a Welsh emigration to America and became my great-great-grandfather." So said my Grandmother Sarah Ireland Minier.

Virginia Magazine, Vol. 18, 1910, p. 212. Will probated in 1789: Jonathan Welsh (was this the grandfather of Jonathan Ireland?) Lineage Book N.S.D.A.R. Vol XXVIII, 1899. Thomas Ireland pp 291-292. 1745-1811 Served as a private in the Third Ulster Company, N.Y. Militia 1775. Born in Huntington, Long Island, d. in Schaghticoke, N.Y. His wife's name was Sarah Seeley. Could he have been the grandfather of Jonathan Ireland, my grandmother's father? Her name was Sarah, her brother's was Thomas, for the traditional ancestor.

Issue of Jonathan Ireland and Eliza Boring Ireland:

Theophilus Ireland, b. 1816, d. 1863.

Luella Ireland. *May 9. P.*

Thomas Ireland.

Salina Ireland, m. Andrew Ross who d. in 1917 at the age of 94, and left quite a fortune.

William Ireland, m. Amelia

I met two young children in 1896.

Ruth Ireland, b. 1828, d. at the home of her niece Mrs. May Ireland Pattison, near Cincinnati, O., 1910 at the age of 82. Never married.

Amanda Ireland, m. Wilson.

Granville Ireland, in 1897 in Washington, D.C.

Julia Ireland, m. Gilbert Thomas, Princeton, Ill.

Theodore F. Ireland. In 1897 Denver, Colorado. In 1917 Iowa.

Sarah Ireland, b. 11-19-1819. Educated Monticello Academy.

On Jan. 1, 1839, at Princeton, Ill. George W. Minier married Sarah Ireland.

Thus on New Year's day, eighty-eight years ago our immediate family began. Of our revered and illustrious grandfather there is much to say, - too much for these pages. His biography is in print in many places. All of these volumes are on the shelves of the Congressional Library in Washington, D.C. Some are in the D.A.R. library there, some are in various State libraries. Copies of this material can be had from these libraries by paying for the labor involved.

Encyclopaedia of American Biography. Who's Who in America, Vol. 61, 1899-1900. Vol. 1901-1902.

Report of the American Forestry Ass., 1898.

National Cyclopaedia of American Biography Vol. 12, p. 186.

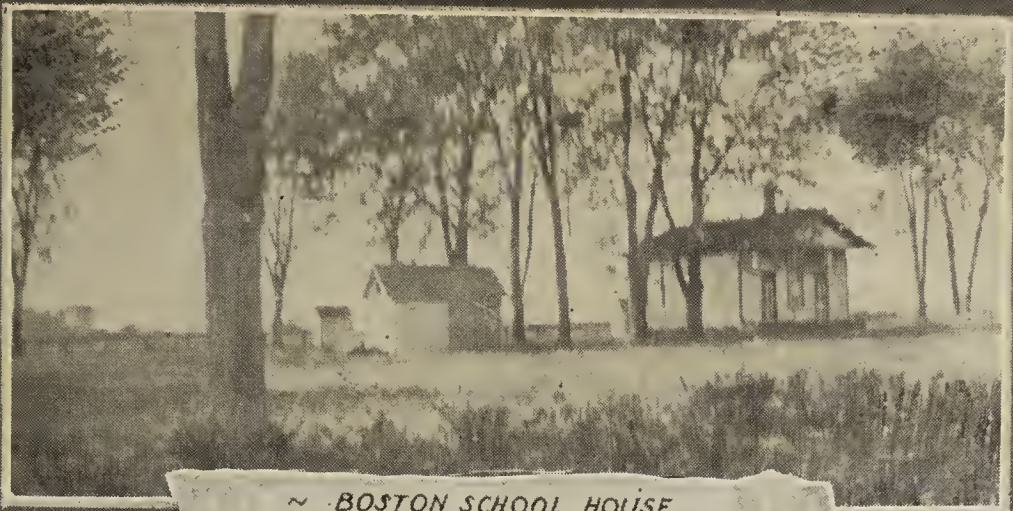
History of Tazewell Co., Ill. published by Charles C.

Chapman, Chicago, Ill. 1879.

Souvenir of Athens Academy Centennial, issued 1897 by

Tioga Point Historical Society.

His own memoir written in November, 1897, while Grandmother lay ill, is in the hands of all of his children and of most of his grandchildren. As a successful surveyor, teacher, preacher, farmer, lecturer, forward-looking scholar, citizen and patriot, husband and



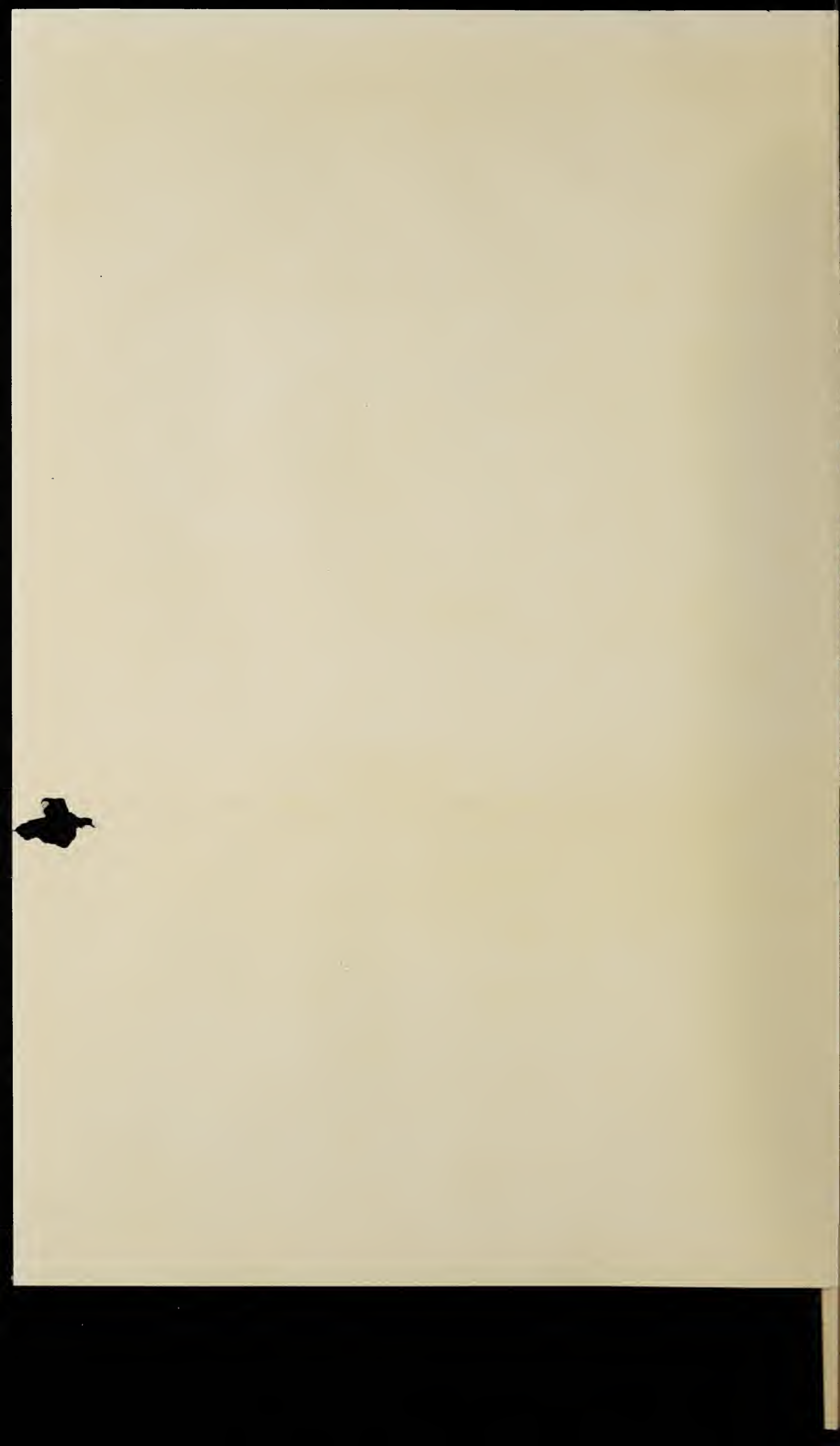
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ILLINOIS



GEORGE W. MINIER
SARAH IRELAND MINIER and WATCH.
THE OLD HOME 1892 NEAR MINIER, ILLINOIS



GRAVES OF GEORGE W. AND
SARAH IRELAND MINIER
VIEW of OLD HOME near MINIER, ILLINOIS



father, he stands with but few peers and no superiors. John H. Bryant and John Wentworth, Horace Mann, T. B. Blackstone, Abraham Lincoln - all the makers of Illinois were his close personal friends.

Grandfather used to tell a story of going to an entertainment with Lincoln in Pekin, Illinois. They became so interested and amused with their own conversation and stories that they nearly broke up the show and were requested to withdraw. On one occasion when Lincoln stayed over night at Grandfather's he laced up my mother's boots, to her later great and eternal pride.

At his death at the age of 87 he was still an honorary Vice-President of the American Forestry Association, of the American Bible Union and of the American Peace Society. In his eighty-fifth year, on the occasion of the Centennial of the Athens Academy he dived into the swimming hole of his boyhood frightening Bruce Edmiston by the length to which he swam under water. He brought about the introduction of scientific study in the public schools of Illinois and was the first man ever nominated for Congress on the Prohibition ticket.

Above all else he was an honorable Christian gentleman, a devoted husband, a wise and loving father and an inspirational grandfather. We are all of us wiser and better for our memories of him. Let us never forget that these memories could never have been without the devotion, labor, economy and agricultural and executive ability of his more than worthy helpmate.

Issue:

- 5 Emily W., b. Bureau Co., Ill. 11-1-1839, d. 1-18-1848. She had read the Illiad and Odyssey in the original Greek with her father.
- 5 Theodore Leslie, b. Putnam Co., Ill. 5-18-1841, d. and buried Nebo, Ill. 3-9-1921, m. by George W. Minier 8-3-1870 in Atlanta, Ill. Ellen Armington, b. 3-13-1847, d. and buried Nebo. Ill. 8-17-1925. Her mother Frances Lucinda Verry, b. 2-29-1820, near Jacksonville, Ill. (or brought there as an infant from the East) d. 8-6-1866. Heyekiah Armington owned the store where mail was first delivered in the town named for him. About 1857 he moved his family to Atlanta and engaged in the Elevator business. Ellen Armington was an unusually fine musician. Because of the quality of her voice and its excellent training she was chosen to sing in a quartette at the Atlanta Station as the train bearing President Lincoln's body passed through. He had been a friend of her father also and had visited in her childhood home.
- 5 Theodore Leslie Minier, a student at Wesleyan University, enlisted in Co. L, 94 Illinois Infantry August 1862. He was immediately made 5th Sergeant and at the Battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, Dec. 7, 1862 he led his Company into battle; his ranking officers having all turned and fled at the smell of blood and powder. He took part in a skirmish at Springfield, Mo. and the siege of Vicksburg, 1863. For a time after the occupation he served as General Pemberton's private secretary (because of his exquisite and rapid penmanship). In the garden at headquarters he found a bush of green roses. Thence he went into action at Yazoo City, Miss.; Black River; to New Orleans; to Brownsville, Texas, where he stayed ten months.
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d. 6-25-1891
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Arthur
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Warren
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Thence to Ft. Morgan, Ala.; to Spanish Fort; to Mobile (where he was at the time of the great explosion); thence to Galveston where he was mustered out Sept. 1865. In all he crossed the Gulf eight times. He was promoted to First Sergeant while on St. Mary's Vessel, August, 1863, en route to Brownsville, Texas. On August 25, 1864 at Ft. Morgan, Ala. was made 2nd Lieut. On his commission was endorsed: "This commission was issued by his Excellency the Governor of Illinois to Sgt. Theo. L. Minier for gallant and meritorious conduct at Prairie Grove, Arkansas, Vicksburg, Miss. and other places. In these acts of gallantry and of merit the undersigned subscribes his name as a witness." Signed by General McNulta who was at that time Colonel of 94 Ill. Infantry.

In 1868 T. L. Minier visited every County in Illinois collecting and shipping the State Exhibit for the Paris Exposition. After his marriage he lived in Minier, Illinois, with one brief stay in Atlanta, representing as part owner various flouring and grocery firms, until in 1904 he bought several banks and lumberyards in Nebo, Pike County, and vicinity, at which time he removed his household thither.

- 5 Frances, b. 11-18-1842 Magnolia, Putnam Co., d. ⁴⁻¹⁹²⁴ 8-1843.
- 5 Leonidas, b. 7-2-1844, Bureau Co., d. Chicago, buried Greenwood, Little Mackinaw. Successful cattle dealer, unmarried.
- 5 Eliza Jane, b. 10-14-1846 Tazewell Co., Ill., Normal School, Bloomington, m. 1-1-1868 James M. Edmiston, d. Lincoln, Nebr. 12-13-1911. *See James Edmiston.
- 5 Emily Frances, b. 1-18-1849, Bloomington, McLean Co., Ill. Educated Major College, Bloomington, m. at home of G.W. Minier, 9-2-1869 John Haley Spears, Jr., who was b. 3-22-1850 Clary Grove, Menard Co., Ill. A.B. Illinois College, Jacksonville, 1869, admitted to Ill. Bar 1875. His parents John Haley Spears, b. 3-25-1823, Greenburg, Green Co., Kentucky, d. Tallula, Menard Co., Ill. 2-12-1894. State Board of Agriculture, m. Clary's Grove, Menard Co., Ill. 4-26-1848 Louisa P. Radford, b. 11-25-1825 Clary's Grove, d. 12-29-1907 Ashland, Ill. Both buried Greenwood Cemetery, Tallula, Menard Co., Ill.
- 5 Imogen, b. 8-9-1852 Tazewell Co., Ill., m. by George W. Minier, in the old home, to George Granby Sanborne 12-27-1883, d. 8-26-1905 in Philadelphia.

Imogen Minier, my beloved Mother was born about one and one half miles west of the family home, which was in course of erection at the time. She went, as did most of her brothers and sisters, to the Boston School about one mile east of the Farm. For many years her Father taught the school himself that his children might have what he considered the best instruction. At twelve she was sent with her sister Emily and brother George to Normal, near Bloomington, to the only available Academy. At sixteen she began to teach in and about Minier and Lilly, but at twenty her father took her East, by boat, intending to enter her at Vassar. The persuasions of her uncle, Senator Theodore L. Minier finally won her consent to staying in Elmira, which was his home, where for four years she was completely happy in her life and friendships in Elmira College - the first college in the modern world. Here she took her A.B. degree in 1877. On her Commencement Day she met my father, whose sister Caroline was one of her classmates. The next winter she spent with her close friend Elizabeth Macquorcondale, later Mrs. W. H. Doty, in Brooklyn, the year following she taught in the Academy at Greenwich, N.Y. in beautiful Lake George where her friend Miss Georgiana McGowan still lives. For a number of years she was principal of the Minier High School. Her marriage in 1883 took her back to Elmira, where she lived until business arrangements removed us all to Philadelphia in June, 1888. During most of her married life in Elmira she was President of the Elmira College Alumnae Association. Her chief activities in Philadelphia were in the Civic Club, the College Settlement and a Shakespearean Literary Club. Her ashes rest in the Sanborne Lot in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira, New York. George Granby Sanborne, b. East Granby, Connecticut 10-15-1852. Master Mason. Removed as a baby to West Bloomfield, N.Y. Son of Pliny Fiske Sanborne and Caroline Goodale. Importing grocer, forty years a member of the firm of Githens Rexsamer and Co., Philadelphia. Now Coffee Importer alone at 17 South Front Street, Philadelphia.

- 5 George W., Jr., b. 2-10-1854 Tazewell Co., Ill. Normal Academy, Bloomington. Breeder of fine cattle, banker, school board, Master Mason, Mayor, Precinct chairman Council of Defense. Address, Oakland, Nebr., m. 10-25-1877 at the Allensworth Home

near Minier, Ill. by George W. Minier, Mary W. Allensworth, b. 3-13-1857 Little Mackinaw Twp., Tazewell Co., Ill. d. Oakland, Nebr. 8-23-1922. Buried in Oakland Cemetery. Past Matron O.E.S.

- 5 Horace Mann Minier, b. 3-31-1856 Little Mackinaw Twp., Tazewell Co., Ill. University of Ill. Sept 1875, June 1877. Here he made a lifelong friend of famous sculptor Lorado Taft. Went to Waco, Texas in 1887 where he early became a leading citizen, land owner, farm loans, real estate, Treasurer Amicable Ins. Co. His children were all born in Waco and there he still resides at 1317 Washington Str., m. 9-18-1889 at Nilwood, Maconpin Co., Ill. Maria Evelyn Rider, b. 5-30-1859 at Bunker Hill, Ill.

Her lineage:

A Justus Rider, b. 10-11-1788 Herkimer Co., N.Y. d. 9-18-1859, m. Litchfield, N.Y. Elizabeth Harris, b. 7-25-1795, Radmor, Wales, d. 3-29-1865 Green Co., Ill. Daughter of Rev. James Harris (Baptist) and Sarah Price. Moved to Green Co., Ill. 1822.

B James Justus Rider b. 10-31-1823 Carrollton, Green Co., Ill. d. 2-25-1891 Nilwood, Ill., m. 12-31-1856 at Woodburn, Ill, Julia Malinda Houck, b. 7-29-1837 at Smooth Prairie, Madison Co., Ill.

Issue:

1 May Frances, b. Feb., 1858 Bunker Hill, Ill. d. July 1858.

2 Maria Evelyn, above.

3 James Justus Rider b. 3-22-1868 Nilwood, Ill. Spanish War Record - Cuba.

- 5 Thomas Alexander Minier, b. 11-25-1858 Tazewell Co., Ill. Graduated Bloomington Law School 1880. Specialist in pure breed stock. Went to Nebraska same year. In 1902 went to England to choose his own Herefords. In 1907 bought bank in Craig, Nebr. Now president First National Bank of Craig. Past Master of Blue Lodge A.F.&A.M. Tres. County Council of Defense. M. 6-26-1884 at McLean, Ill. by George W. Minier, Mary Elizabeth Pumpelly, b. 4-26-1861 McLean, Ill. She attended Wesleyan University Bloomington, Ill. 1882-1883, Boston conservatory of Music 1883. Past Matron O.E.S. Member Omaha Chapter N.S.D.A.R. on Benjamin Pumpelly. Her parents: Thomas B. Pumpelly b. 7-1-1828 Turner, Maine, d. McLean, Ill. 2-4-1912. Harriet E. Pumpelly b. 7-31-1836 Windham, N.H. m. 12-2-1856 in Kentucky. Brother: William Pumpelly, Quincy, Ill. Sister: Harriet Pumpelly Cochran, Derry, N.H.

- 5 Theophilus Ireland Minier, b. 7-16-1862, Tazewell Co., Ill. Normal School Valparaiso, Indiana. Removed to Nebraska in early eighties. Farmer, stockbreeder, grain merchant, banker, Knight Templar, Shriner, Past Master Craig Lodge #241 A.F.&A.M. Address: Craig, Nebr. m. Lockwood, Mo. 9-18-1889 Clara Rachel Hancock who was b. Clearfield Co., Pa. 9-18-1868 and came to Nebr. at eleven months. Teacher. Her parents: George Bigler Hancock b. 6-20-1840 Clearfield Co., Pa. G.A.R. 3 yrs. 4 mo. in Civil War. d. 11-19-1890. Margaret Elizabeth Caldwell, b. 1-23-1843 in Clearfield Co., Pa. Teacher. d. 9-26-1883.
- 5 Mary Luella, b. 11-2-1864 Tazewell Co., Ill. School in Peoria. Returned to the old home to care devotedly for her parents until their death. m. 10-25-1898 Theodore Allen Hostetler who was b. Tazewell Co., Ill. 5-8-1864. Lawyer, linguist, scientist. Since 1920 Solicitor General for the U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D.C. House address 3300 - 16th Str., N.W. Washington D.C. His parents: John Hostetler b. 1830 Frankfort, Germany, d. 12-18-1907 Bloomington, Ill. Henrietta Nafziger, b. 1834 Andernack, Germany, d. 5-24-1904 Bloomington, Ill. m. March 20, 1960

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We come now to the sixth, my own, generation from Christian Minier of France.

Issue of Theodore Leslie Minier and Ellen Armington.

- 6 Minnie Frances, b. 5-20-1871 Atlanta, Ill. Private School and Musical education in Philadelphia 1890-1892, m. Minier, Ill. 12-27-1896 by George W. Minier, Charles Edwin Stewart, b. 2-14-1873 Danville, Ill. His parents Milton M. Stewart b. 6-21-1847, d. 9-22-1894 and Anna Elizabeth Segner b. 10-27-1851, d. 3-10-1894, m. Danville, Ill. 4-17-1872.

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4. The fourth part of the report deals with the conclusions of the year, and the results of the various projects.

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Issue of Minnie Minier Stewart.

- 7 Clifford Edwin, b. 2-14-1906 Springfield, Ill. Graduated St. Paul, Minn. Highschool 1924.
- 6 Clara Armington Minier, b. 1-17-1875. Graduated W. Indiana Normal, Valparaiso, Ind. Past Matron O.E.S. Nebo, Ill., m. at Minier; Ill. 1-8-1902 Charles E. Swayne, b. 1-26-1877 Long Bottom, Ohio. Graduate W. Indiana Normal, Valparaiso. Shriner, Mohammed Temple, Past Master Blue Lodge A.F. & A.M., for 8 years Worthy Patron O.E.S. Lumber dealer, real estate. His parents: Sylvester Charles Swayne and Luella M. London.
- 6 Clifford Lee Minier, b. 1-8-1880 Minier, Ill. Educated Drexel Institute, Philadelphia. d. 8-14-1910 Nebo, Ill. Buried Nebo, Ill.
- 6 George Arthur Minier, b. 12-1-1884. Shriner, Mohammed Temple, Banker, Pearl Button Mfg., m. 11-22-1911 Columbus, Ohio, Jolette McGrew, b. 7-24-1888 Thornton, Cook Co., Ill. O.E.S. Musician. Her parents: William O. McGrew and Jennie Kenower, musical composer.
- Issue, all born and living in Pearl, Ill.
- 7 Hugh Brownell, b. 11-22-1913
- 7 Lee Neil, b. 7-17-1917
- 7 Mary Ella, b. 1-13-1919
- 7 George Dean, b. 9-5-1920.

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Issue of Eliza Jane Minier Edmiston:

- 6 Arthur Ray Edmiston, b. 2-4-1870 Minier, Ill. General Agent Union Central Life Ins. Co., Pres. Lincoln Life Underwriters Ass'n. Vestry man Church of the Holy Trinity, Chairman of Missions and Church Extension, Diocese of Nebraska, 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. Lincoln's Elks Lodge # 80, Life member Chamber of Commerce, Country Club, University Club, *Shiner* m. 6-1-1899 in Lincoln, Alice Laura Righter, b. 4-6-1874, Monroe, Wisconsin. Her parents: Dr. Frederick B. Righter, b. Ohio ~~10-18-1835~~, d. Lincoln, 4-13-1914; Harriet S. McEwen, b. Ohio 6-7-1847, descended from Boardmans of Connecticut. Her father, a clergyman, was one of the earliest pioneers of Ohio. Alice Righter Edmiston studied at Art Institute in Chicago, Art League in N.Y., Paris, Belgium and Holland for 15 months with a party of William M. Chase's students. Taught S.W. Virginia Institute, Bristol, Tenn. and University of Nebr. First prize at an Omaha Art Exhibit in 1924 for picture done in Santa Fe, N.M.

Issue of A.R. Edmiston, address 925 Terminal Bldg., Lincoln, Nebr:

- 7 James Righter, b. Lincoln, 2-23-1901. Amherst College.
- 7 Robert Hugh, b. Omaha, 7-12-1903. Amherst, A.B. University Nebr. June 1924. Union Central Life, Lincoln.
- 7 Orinda Jane, b. Lincoln 3-31-1906, Dana Hall Smith University of Nebr.
- 6 Homer James Edmiston, b. Minier, Ill. 4-23-1872, A.B. Nebraska 1892. Prof. Latin and Greek, Cornell, Princeton, Bryn Mawr. Ph D Harvard 1901, Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Delta Theta. Resident in Italy since 1906. Writer, student, lecturer. Secretary American Chamber of Commerce, Milan, Italy. Address: Milano (8) Via Bochetto, N. 3., m. 10-31-1909, Rome, Italy, Emma Maria Maggiorani, b. 2-15-1875. Her father, b. 1835, d. 10-30-1924 for thirty years head physician to Royal Family of Italy. His father, Dr. Carlo Maggiorani d. at great age in 1885. Professor of Medicine, University of Rome. Member of Committee of Three to inform Victor Emmanuel II of the plebiscite by which the Roman States united themselves to the Kingdom of Italy, and was first Roman to be made Senator of the Kingdom.
- Issue of Homer J. Edmiston:
- 7 Victoria, b. 8-12-1910, Boston, Mass.
- 7 John, b. 1-18-1912, Rome, Italy.
- 7 Paul, b. 4-14-1913, Rome.
- 7 Charles, b. 5-19-1917, Genoa.
- 6 Walter Hugh Edmiston, b. 3-15-1877, Minier, Ill. d. 9-17-1903, Lincoln, Nebr.
- 6 Blanche Edmiston, b. Minier, Ill. 7-5-1881. Art Dept. Nebr. University and in Chicago, Dresden, Germany 1913-1914. Taught China painting, Wesleyan University 1906-1909. Kappa, Kappa Gamma. Address: 1333 1/2 Sycamore Ave., Hollywood, Calif.

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6 Helen Edmiston, b. 11-23-1889, d. 1-17-1890 Lincoln.

Issue of Emily Frances Minier Spears:

6 Edith Minier, b. Tallula, Menard Co., Ill. 1-26-1871. Class 1890 W. Div. High School, Chicago. Teacher in Elementary Schools, Chicago.

6 Thomas Minier, b. Tallula 7-28-1874, d. Chicago 11-25-1881. Buried Greenwood, Little Mackinaw, Tazewell Co., Ill.

6 Florence Minier, b. Chicago 5-16-1885. Hyde Park H.S. 1903, m. 2-25-1918 First Lieut. Arthur Stanley Touche in Chicago. His father was a surgeon in Black Watch and Gordon Highlanders. Nine months service in France in World War. Lawyer, address: 10 South LaSalle Str., Chicago, Ill. 111 S. Scoville Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

Issue of Florence Spears Touche:

7 Marjorie Frances, b. Chicago 8-6-1920

7 Edith, b. 8-16-1926 Three Rivers, Mich.

6 Robert Minier Spears, b. Chicago 1-12-1889. Jefferson High School 1918. Lewis Institute Commonwealth Edison Co. Enlisted in World War August 1917, 11th Regiment, Co. E Illinois National Guard., m. 5-14-1910 St. John's Church, Chicago, Olive Rose Cook, b. Irving Park, Ill. 8-12-1888. Jefferson High School 1906. Daughter of Charles A. Cook, A.B. M.D. University of Michigan, Principal Linnie School, and Irene Cook.

Issue of Robert Minier Spears.

7 John Robert, b. Chicago, 4-4-1911.

Issue of Imogen Minier Sanborne.

6 Sarah Minier Sanborne, b. Elmira, N.Y. Fourth and Columbia, 5-2-1886. Philadelphia 1889-1905. A.B. Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa. 1908. Taught Brownell Hall, Omaha, 1908-1911. Castellar School, Omaha, 1911-1914. High School of Commerce, 1914-1916. D.A.R. Lieut. Thomas Barlow Chapter, Chairman of Jim Wells' County, Texas, Council of Defense, 1917-1918. Only woman Chairman in U.S. O.E.S., m. 2-9-1916, St. Mark's Church, San Antonio, Texas, Walter Gerald Weaver, b. Waco, Texas, 4-5-1886. Lawyer, T.C.U. Admitted Texas Bar 1910. Captain Troop D, 11 Regiment, Texas Cavalry in World War. Training Corpus Christi, Brownsville and Leon Springs, Texas. 32nd Degree Scottish Rite, Shriner, President Hidalgo County Bar Association, acting District Judge in 1922, appointed by Gov. Neff. Son of Kate Gerald Weaver, b. Yazoo Co., Miss 1862, d. Seattle, Wash. 8-29-1915, and James Walter Weaver, b. Montgomeryshire, Wales, 4-22-1852, M. Waco, Texas, June 1885. Grandson of Judge George Bruce Gerald, 14 years County Judge of McLennan County, Colonel Eighteenth Mississippi 1861-1865

Issue of Sarah M. S. Weaver.

7 Walter Gerald, Jr., b. Alice, Texas, 6-7-1917.

7 Sarah Louise, b. Donna, Texas, 6-6-1919.

7 Bruce Sanborne, b. Donna, Texas, 7-11-1920

7 Imogen Minier, b. Donna, Texas, 10-23-1921

7 Jane Redfield, b. Donna, Texas, 11-13-1922

7 Clyde Gates, b. Donna, Texas, 11-13-1922.

Address: Donna, Hidalgo County, Texas.

6 George Gates Sanborne, b. Elmira, N.Y. 4-6-1888. Philadelphia, 4026 Parish Str. 1889-1905. A. B. Princeton University 1910. Teacher of Latin and Algebra, Chicago Heights H.S., Chicago, Ill. 1910-1911. Stevens School, Hoboken, N.Y. 1911-1914. DeWitt Clinton H.S., N. Y. 1914-1917. War Work 1917-1919. Since then Newark High School, Newark, N.J. Address: 350 Johnson Ave., Bogota, N.J., m. 8-14-1916 West Bloomfield, N. Y. Louisa Amanda Dixon, b. W. Bloomfield 10-12-1886. B. S. Teacher's College, N.Y. Daughter of Henry Chapin Dixon, b. 3-14-1857, d. 3-11-1922, Mendan, N.Y. and Catherine Elvira Hall Dixon, b. 1-4-1858, W. Bloomfield. Brothers: Walter and George. Sister: Rachel. This marriage took place in the Congregational Church of West Bloomfield where the groom's grandfather, Rev. Pliny Fiske Sanborne, has officiated for 27 years.

Issue of George Gates Sanborne:

7 Louise Amanda, b. 1-27-1921, New York.

7 John Minier, b. 6-29-1925, New York.

Issue of George W. Minier, Jr.

- 6 Ora D. Minier, b. Burt Co., Nebr. 4-27-1880, Past Matron O. E.S., m. 10-25-1899, by G.W. Minier, at Oakland, Nebr. August Chrestensen Holmquist, b. 2-18-1875 at Oakland, Nebr. Son of Olaf who was b. 1838 Smoland, Sweden, d. 1915 Louisburg, Kans. and Annia Katrina Holmquist, b. 1841 Smoland, Sweden, d. 1918, Omaha, Nebr., m. June 24, 1861. Brother: James Walfred. Sisters: Esther H. Olsen and Mamie H. Broberg. O.E.S. Scottish Rite Mason, Shriner, Grain Merchant. His father's will probated in May 1916 disposed of nearly a million dollar's worth of property, chiefly grain elevator and farms. School board, mayor, address: Oakland, Nebr.

Issue of Ora Minier Holmquist, all born Oakland, Nebr.

- 7 Harold Minier, b. 9-8-1900. A.B. University Nebr, 1921. Phi Gramma Delta, Knight Templar and Shriner, m. 6-8-1925 Eleanor Elizabeth Guhl, at Lyons, Nebr. b. 6-9-1899 Chi Omega. Her father Wm. Henry Guhl b. 2-9-1866 Dannenberg, Hanover, Germany. Mother Emma Dorothea Riesche, b. 11-14-1874, Lyons, Nebr.

Issue:

- 8 Harold M.H. Jr., b. 8-14-1926.
8 Betty Ann, b. 8-14-1926.
7 Merwyn Minier, b. 1-28-1902.
7 August C.H. Jr., b. 7-8-1905. A.B. Nebraska June 1927. Capt. Persing Rifles ROTC
7 Claire Minier, b. 10-4-1906.
7 Wm. Lee, b. 3-15-1910, d. 7-30-1914, buried Oakland.
7 Mary Helen, b. 4-4-1918.
6 Paul Minier, b. 11-8-1882, d. 7-22-1885, buried Craig; Nebr.
6 Lee E. Minier, b. 6-29-1884, Quincey Business College, Banker, Oakland, Nebr., m. in church at Lyons, Nebr. 6-30-1909, Mable Renard, b. Oakland 9-10-1887. Daughter of Andrew and Agnes Renard. Her Grandfather Renard, b. France and d. Oakland, was a Marshall in the Army of the Second Napoleon. He gave to Mable before his death a silver coffee service, an heirloom in his family from which the Empress Josephine had once been served. He came to America as a political exile. Brothers: Fred Renard, Gus Renard. Sister: Anna Renard Kerl.

Issue:

- 7 Mary Jane, b. 3-26-1910
7 Andrew Lee, b. 4-24-1913.
6 William Eugene Minier, b. 7-17-1886. 32nd Scottish Rite Mason, Banker, Shriner, Past Master Oakland Lodge # 91 A.F. & A.M. Presided during his father's initiation at which time eight relatives were present; James Edmiston, A. R. Edmiston, Thomas A. Minier, Theophilus I. Minier, William T. Minier, August Holmquist, Will E. Minier, Master, and George W. Minier candidate. m. 7-15-1914 Evelyn Mills, b. Neosho, Mo. 12-24-1884. A.B. 1907 Knox College, Galesburg, Ill. Teaches of English St. Joseph, Mo. Member Oakland Library Board and Omaha College Club, Woman's Club, Editor Nebraska Club Woman, after serving on the executive board of the State Federation for six years was in 1925 elected President of the Nebr. Federation of Women's Clubs.
6 Helen H. Minier, b. 1-21-1896. University of Nebr., Berkeley University, Medical School Bacteriological Laboratory, Mayo Brothers Clinic, Teacher Three Rivers, Idaho.
Issue of Horace Mann Minier, all born Waco, McLennan Co., Texas.
6 Justus Arthur, b. 4-27-1892. W.H.S. 1910, Baylor 1910-1912. Graduated from Cornell 1916. Volunteered Texas National Guard, 2nd Reg. Battery E. Field Artillery, Corporal. Professor in State College Huntsville.
6 George Rider, b. 1-10-1895. W.H.S. 1914, A & M at Bryan, Texas, 1914-1916. Graduated Cornell 1918. Artillery Training Camp, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio 1918. Framer and salesman.
6 Julian Rider, b. 9-12-1897. W.H.S. 1915. Cornell 1915-1920, graduated. Refused for army service because of defective eye. 32nd Scottish Rite Mason, Shriner. Field Manager for Amicable Insurance Co., Waco, Texas.

Issue of Thomas A. Minier, all born Burt Co., Nebr.

- 6 William Theophilus, b. 6-28-1885. C.H.S. Quincey, Ill. Business College. Vice Pres. First National Bank of Craig, Special Agent Union Central Life Ins. Co., 32nd Mason Lincoln Consistory, Past Master Masonic Lodge. m. Cadiz, Ohio 4-1-1912 Sarah Cora Clark, b. 4-17-1885 Craig, Nebr. C.H.S.

Bellevue College, Nebr. Business Secretary Y.W.C.A. Indianapolis. O.E.S. and Omaha Chapter D.A.R. on two lines.
Daughter of Charles G. Clark, b. 7-10-1860 Cadiz, O. d. 1-16-1921. His father Ingram Clark member Ohio Legislature.
Adda Kerr Clark, b. 5-25-1857 at Cadiz, Ohio, d. there 3-28-1914, m. Cadiz, O. 6-27-1879. Brother: Roy Clark. Her brother: David Ramsey Kerr, President Bellevue College, Omaha for 25 years.

Issue of William Theophilus Minier:

- 7 Julia Harriet Minier, b. 4-12-1913 Craig, named for her two living great-grandmothers.
7 William Thomas Minier, b. 11-12-1914.
7 Imogen Ada Minier, b. 9-12-1921.
7 George Leslie Minier, b. 2-24-1923.
6 Imogen Florence Minier, b. 6-28-1885, d. San Antonio, Texas 4-25-1916. O.E.S. Buried Craig, Nebr. Omaha D.A.R. Travelled extensively in U.S. and Europe.
6 Nan May Minier, b. 12-5-1886. O.E.S. Omaha D.A.R. Travelled extensively U.S. and Europe. Teacher in Craig Schools.
6 Ella Frances Minier, b. 11-22-1888. O.E.S. Omaha D.A.R. Travelled extensively U.S. and Europe. m. Craig, Nebr. 6-26-1919 David Corbin Thurber, b. Atlanta, Nebr. 8-22-1886. Son of Rebecca McAfee, b. 4-23-1855 Burgesville, Ontario, Canada, m. 4-29-1876, d. 5-13-1921, and Ernest Morgan Thurber, b. 10-22-1855, Franklinville, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y. d. 7-13-1922. Brothers and sisters: Ray H., Edith T. Davis, Adda T. Thompson, Edna T. Curtis. Address: Craig, Nebr.

Issue of Ella Minier Thurber:

- 7 Mary Eleanor, b. Sherman, Texas, 3-28-1920
7 Elizabeth Nancy, b. Craig, Nebr. 4-18-1925.

Issue of Theophilus Ireland Minier:

- 6 Waldo Bigler Minier, b. 9-7-1890, Burt Co., Nebr. State School Agriculture, Gremont Business College. Breeder of pure Herefords. Prominent in Masonic Lodge. Volunteered 8-15-1918 Rays Army School, Kansas City, Camp Jackson S.C. Oct. 15, m. 2-12-1919 Florence Fay Fries, b. 12-13-1899. Daughter of Christopher P. Fries, b. 9-13-1855 and Della Garner Fries, b. 9-2-1873.

Issue:

- 7 Clara Marie, b. 2-5-1920.

Issue of Mary Minier Hostetler:

- 6 George Minier Hostetler, b. Chicago 7-5-1900. Removed 1902 to Washington. C.H.S. 1918 Washington. Volunteered in Navy August 1918. Discharged Feb. 1919. University of Illinois, Urbana 1919-1921. Contractor and builder 3300 16th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. m. Washington, D.C. St. Margaret's Church 4-3-1923 Alice Marie Watts, b. Indianapolis, Indiana 2-16-1901. A.B. DePauw University 1922. Daughter of Claude Samuel Watts and Marie Van Riger Watts.
6 Imogen Henrietta Hostetler, b. 2-20-1905 Washington, D.C. C.H.S. 1922, A.B. Connecticut College 1926.

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(See page 5) Copy of Affidavit by Sarah Ann Walker (5).

State of Illinois)
County of Rock Island)

I, Sarah Ann Walker, do hereby swear to the best of my knowledge and belief, that Obadiah Brown's father, whose christian name I have forgotten, came to New Jersey from Providence, Rhode Island, and was a descendant of Chad Brown, a founder of Providence and one of the first three preachers of the first Baptist Church in the United States of America.

(signed) Sarah Ann Walker

County of R.I.) ss
State of Ill.)

Signed and sworn to before me by Sarah Ann Walker this seventeenth day of November, 1926.

(signed) John F. Schneider,
Notary Public

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